Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2011/08/31: CIA-RDP80-00809A000600330274-1

CLASSIFICATION

CONFIDENTIAL TOTAL

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

REPORT CD NO.

50X1-HUM

INFORMATION FROM FOREIGN DOCUMENTS OR RADIO BROADCASTS

COUNTRY Poland DATE OF

INFORMATION 1950

SUBJECT

Economic - Forestry, Coal

HOW

PUBLISHED Irregular newspaper

DATE DIST 27 Jul 1950

WHERE

PUBLISHED Katowice

NO. OF PAGES 1

PUBLISHED 23 Apr 1950

SUPPLEMENT TO

REPORT NO.

LANGUAGE Polish

HIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION APPICTING THE NATIONAL DEFEN 7 THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEASURE OF ESPIGNAGE ACT: 1. C., 31 AND 32, AS ARRIVADED. ITS TRANSMISSION OF THE REVELAND 7 ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MARKER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PR BITED BY LAW, REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROMISITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE

Swiat i Zycie.

## COAL INDUSTRY USES ONE FOURTH OF STATE FOREST OUTPUT

The coal industry is one of the largest consumers of timber. At present, it uses nearly one fourth of the entire production of state forests. Twentyeight percent of the total amount of timber used by the coal industry is lumber for various inside and outside mining construction jobs.

While there is considerable variation due to differences in geological conditions, the average cost of timber per ton of coal extracted is approximately 4.5 percent of the total mining costs and approximately 22 percent of the cost of raw materials. The index of total timber consumption, using 1946 as the base, rose to 102 in 1947, 121 in 1948, 129 percent in 1949, and will reach 132 in 1950. Timber consumption per ton of coal extracted was nearly 8 percent lower in 1949 than in 1947.

Forests comprise 22.7 percent of Poland's area, with ten percent of this unproductive. Current timber production is only 50 percent of domestic requirements. Because of the great destruction of forests during the war, the estimated average annual timber growth per hectare is now 15 percent less than before the war.

The coal industry has recently been experimenting with substitutes for timber for mining, especially steel.

- E N D -

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL X NAVY NSRB DISTRIBUTION STATE